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NEW COAL DEPOSITS TO BE EXPLOITED; FIRST COKE FACTORIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

10 NEW MINES IN TUZLA BASIN -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 5, 6 Jan 50

While the Kolubara basin will produce 4 to 5 million tons of lignite per year, the Tuzlu basin in Posnia and Hercegovina will eventually produce as much coal as all of prewar Yugoslavia during its best year. Thus far there are two coal mines in the Tuzla basin, the Kreka and the Bukinje mines. However, coal deposits are found over a 100-kilometer span. In 1950 alone ten new mines with 67 pits will be opened between the Kreka River and Puracio. Each mine will have its cwn separator. Also the first open-pit mines will be opened in 1950. It is estimated that in 1952 or 1953 the Tuzla basin will produce 18 times as much coal as before the war, or one third of Yugoslavia's total coal production.

Most of the coal from the Tuzla basin will be used and processed in the basin. The large coke factory near Lukavac will process 2 million tons of coal a year and provide coke for Yugoslav blast furnaces. At present Yugoslavia is importing 25 million dollars' worth of coke a year.

In the vicinity of the Tuzla coal basin on the slopes of Majevica north of the city of Tuzla there are black-coal deposits which will also be exploited in large quantities in the future.

Much of the coal from the Tuzla basin will be used by the huge steamelectric power plant which is also being built in Lukevac. This steam-electric power plant together with the large hydroel ctric power plant on the Drina River near Zvornik will supply power to the entire basin and its numerous industrial projects of the future.

There are rock-salt deposits in Tuzla and in Simin Han, and a new salt mine will be opened soon in the vicinity or these deposits.

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On the southern slopes of Majevica, utilling for petrolumn has already started. Deposits of quartz sand, which is used in the glass and ceramic industries, have also been found there.

An agricultural machinery factory, built in 1949 not far from Tuzla, will produce 15,000 plows a year and many other machines. The soda factory in Lukavac will be enlarged in the near future, and many other new factories will be built there.

In the Tuzla basin, near Sidski Brod (not far from Bukinje), a worker's rettlement is being built, which will have 3,000 inhabitants by end of 1951. It is estimated that the population of Tuzla will be about 50,000 during the second Five-Year Plan.

COKE FACTORIES TO USE TUZLA COAL -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 7, 8 Jan 50

In Lukavac, near Tuzla, and in Zenica, both in Bosnia and Hercegovina, Yugoslavia's first two coke factories are being built. Those factories will convert coal into coke for blast furnaces. It is expected that in 1951 Yugoslavia will produce 600,000 tons of coke valued at almost one billion diners.

These factories will be supplied with coal by the Tuzla coal basin, in which new mines will be opened soon.

The conversion of coal into coke produces chemical by-products, such as toluol, benzol, xylol, naphthalene, and plastics.

NEW BROWN-COAL DEPOSITS DISCOVERED -- Rad, No 3, 4 Jan 50

In Ostjek Oblast new mineral deposits have been discovered. In the beginning of December 1949 in Djakovac Srez, Osijek Oblast, deposits of brown coal were discovered. These deposits will be exploited starting in January 1950. In Slavonska Pozega Srez, Osijek Oblast, lignite deposits have been discovered, and their exploitation is being studied. In Nasic Srez deposits of graphite and of a certain kind of white earth have been discovered.

